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Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador



Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdemez was born on August 15, 1917 in San Salvador. At the age of twelve, he was apprenticed to a carpenter, but was later able to attend seminary. He was eventually sent to the Gregorian University in Rome to study theology. After his ordination to the priesthood, he returned to his native land, where he worked among the poor, served as an administrator for the Church, and started an Alcoholics Anonymous group in San Miguel. After his appointment as Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, a progressive Jesuit friend of his was assassinated, and Romero began protesting the government's injustice to the poor and its policies of torture. He met with Pope John Paul II in 1980 and complained that the leaders of El Salvador engaged in terror and assassinations. He also pleaded with the American government to stop military aid to his country, but this request was ignored. Romero was shot to death while celebrating Mass at a small chapel near his Cathedral on March 24, 1980. The previous day, he had preached a sermon calling on soldiers to disobey orders that violated

human rights. He had said, "A bishop will die, but the Church of God which is the people will never perish." The Roman Catholic Church declared him "a servant of God," and he is honored as a martyr by many Christian denominations worldwide. Almost nine months after Romero's assassination, four Maryknoll nuns were also killed by the El Salvadoran army. Nine Jesuit priests were similarly murdered in November of 1989. A statue of Romero stands at the door of Westminster Abbey as part of a commemoration of twentieth-century martyrs.

Almighty God, you called your servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and forever. AMEN

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SAVE THE DATES

Now through Mar 28, THE SOCKS PROJECT, St. Paul's, Sparks. Donations of socks will be collected in local parishes by students from the School of Deacons and delivered to St. Paul's Food Pantry and Martin de Porres House of Hospitality in San Francisco. Please join in this effort to share Christ's love. Details: 775-358-4474

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, SOUP SUPPER AND LENTEN STUDY WITH FR. KIRK, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. Join us every Wednesday during Lent for a fun, relaxed look at our own personal beliefs in relation to other world religions. Volunteer help for set-up and break-down is always appreciated. Suggested donation \$5. Proceeds will go to Haiti earthquake victims through Episcopal Relief & Development. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS, 6:00 PM, St. Paul's the Prospector, Virginia City.

Mar 5, 12, 19, & 26, THE WAY OF THE CROSS, 6:00 - 6:30 PM, St. Pauls, Sparks. A custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayers at a series of thirteen stations in the city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death, adapted to local observance during Lent. St. Paul's Sanctuary. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 7, 14, 21, & 28, LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES WITH REV. CHIP, 15:15 - 1:30 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. Theological perspectives during the Lenten season through the film *Grapes of Wrath*. Lunch included. For information call: 775-358-4474.

Mar 7, 20, 21, & 31, EPISCOPAL YOUTH COUNCIL (EYC) meets at St. Pauls, Sparks for Service Projects and a Holy Week gathering, For information and a more detailed schedule call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 775-329-4279, or 775-358-4474.

Mar 26, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Special Youth Version, with young people leading the service, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Mar 27, DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ANNUAL LENTEN QUIET DAY, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, St. Paul's Sparks.

Women of all local parishes are invited to join together for a day of meditations, discussion, and Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Kirk, followed by a soup lunch. We will also review the purpose of our Order, working to fulfill the baptismal covenant through prayer, study, and service. We welcome new members. A \$5 donation will be accepted to defray expenses. R.S.V.P. before Mar 24 to Marge Parent at 775-354-5080, or Victoria Sidener at 775-322-2375.

Mar 27, ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF MIKE PATTERSON, 5:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks. God so willing and the people consenting, The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, will ordain Michael Steven Patterson to the Sacred Order of Priests. Reception to follow in the parish hall. All Episcopalians and friends are welcome. R.S.V.P. 775-358-4474.

Mar 27, SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN, for those who have had this training. 10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. For questions, please call Rev. Kathy Hopner at 329-4279 or 358-4474.

Mar 28, PALM SUNDAY - CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

May 28-31, MEMORIAL DAY ADULT RETREAT, Camp Galilee. The program will begin Friday, May 28 with dinner and conclude Monday, May 31 just after breakfast. The cost for the weekend is \$164.00 per person and covers all meals and lodging. Optional activities are provided by Galilee staff and will include guided short walks, kayaking excursions, evening stargazing, and a Sunday Eucharist. There will be plenty of time for personal reflection. Leadership will be provided by the Rev. Jim Beebe and Stuart Campbell. To register call 775-749-5546.


Apr 1, BLESSING OF CHRISM, Bishop Dan Edwards, 12 Noon, St. Paul's, Sparks.

Apr 4, EASTER DAY, St. Paul's the Prospector, Virginia City. F

For the last five years on Easter Day, St. Paul's has welcomed The Knights Templar, a masonic organization founded in Virginia City during the last part of the 19th century. The organization is currently based in Reno and Carson City, but return to their roots in Virginia City during Easter Sunday wearing exquisite uniforms adorned with gold and silver mined from the area, and woven on a loom in France during the boom era. The loom is no longer operating and the uniforms are kept in storage except for special occasions.


Apr 10,

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF CLELIA GARRITY, 2:00 PM, St. Martin's, Pahrump. God so willing and the people consenting, The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, will ordain Clelia Pinza Garrity to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Reception to follow in the parish hall. All Episcopalians and friends are welcome. R.S.V.P. 775-253-5579.

Apr 11,  MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI, a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund. 4:00 PM, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas. Our special guest will be Rev. Lauren Stanley, Bishop Jean Zache Duracin's coordinator of

relief efforts in the United States. \$10 suggested donation, reception and auction of Haitian Art to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

May 1, THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTER'S OF THE KING will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. They will be celebrating 125 years of service. Please contact your chapter president if you plan on attending.

May 2,  **MAGICAL MUSIC FOR HAITI , a benefit for the ERD - Haiti Fund, 4:00 PM, St. Paul's, Sparks.** The concert will feature Franz Schubert's *German Mass*, as well as multiple offerings by individual musicians and ensembles. Nancy Marcel will be conducting; Neal Long will be the Organist. \$10 suggested donation; reception to follow. Everyone in the community is invited! For information call 775-253-5579.

Jun 12, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Paul's, Sparks. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

Oct. 30, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Bartholomew's, Ely. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

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The Diocese of Holy Jerusalem



In the land where Jesus walked and Christianity began, the Christian population has fallen rapidly in recent decades until it is only about 1.5% of the people of Israel and Palestine. But the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, founded in 1841, serves some 7,000 Episcopalians in

Palestine, Jordan, Israel, Syria and Lebanon -- a territory of more than 121,000 square miles.

Although Episcopalians and Anglicans are a small percentage of the population, the diocese sponsors two major hospitals, a full service health clinic, 16 schools and a number of institutes for the deaf, the blind, the elderly and the mentally and physically disabled. All of these institutions are open to all, regardless of religious or cultural background. The diocese is centered at St. George's Cathedral in East Jerusalem. The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani was installed as 14th Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem in April 2007.

The Diocese of Jerusalem has several companion relationships with dioceses in other parts of the world, but all members of the Episcopal Church are invited to join the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a non-profit, non-political partnership with the Church in the Holy Land. Membership is free and open to anyone interested in the welfare of the Anglican/Episcopal community there. Since 1996 the American Friends have donated over \$20 million of free medical, school and infant supplies, as well as cash gifts to the Diocese of Jerusalem. In 2009, AFEDJ provided a van for disabled children at the Basma Centre, gave scholarship aid to children at the Arab Evangelical School in Ramallah, built new classrooms in Nazareth and bought Braille machines for the blind in Irbid, Jordan. It also delivered supplies to Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, the only hospital available to the war-afflicted people there. Also in 2009, AFEDJ launched a new initiative asking children all over the world to pray and give for the welfare of children in the Holy Land each year on St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6.

For 2010, Bishop Dawani has asked AFEDJ to focus on education ministries, including scholarship aid, teacher training and other projects, with a special emphasis on education for peace. "Education has a special importance in building bridges of knowledge and connections between nations and civilizations," Dawani says. "It is a tool to reveal justice and to get the real picture of a situation regarding how people live." AFEDJ also encourages pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and lists opportunities for such journeys in its newsletters and website. The American Friends was founded in 1989 by Bishop Peter Lee of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and Bishop Samir Kafity of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Their partnership invited Christians from the USA and around the world to "Remember the Forgotten Faithful of the Holy Land," the Arab Christians who have preserved the Christian presence in the Holy Land for centuries. Today, Phoebe Griswold leads the organization as president; executive director is Anne Lynn. Its board includes bishops, priests and laypeople from the United States and other nations.

For more information about AFEDJ - a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization incorporated in the state of Florida - visit its website at

www.afedj.org. For more about the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, visit www.j-diocese.org.

Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Oral health care tips



In addition to daily brushing and flossing, you might use an antimicrobial or antiseptic mouth rinse to help reduce plaque between your teeth.

To remove food particles from your teeth, you might try an oral irrigator - a device that aims a stream of water at your teeth. Resist the temptation to use toothpicks or other objects that could injure your gums. Keep in mind, however, an oral irrigator doesn't replace daily brushing and flossing.

Oral health problems to report to your dentist

To prevent gum disease and other oral health problems, schedule regular dental cleanings and exams - generally at least once or twice a year. In the meantime, contact your dentist if you notice any signs or symptoms that may suggest oral health problems, such as:

- Red, tender or swollen gums
- Gums that bleed when you brush or floss
- Gums that begin pulling away from your teeth
- Loose teeth
- Changes in the way your top and bottom teeth align with each other
- Unusual sensitivity to hot and cold

Early detection and treatment of oral health problems can ensure a lifetime of good oral health.

NEWS BRIEFS

Three youth from the Diocese attended the Chrysalis Weekend on Feb. 19-21. They are looking forward to sharing stories about their experience with other youth in the Diocese. Chrysalis is a United Methodist Church movement 15-20 years old. It is a short course on Christianity. The next meeting is on Labor Day Weekend. For information contact Bill Leonard at slohiker@cox.net

The fourth quarter newsletter from the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago is available on the companion diocese website <http://philippines.diocesenv.org/> Please click the Diocese of Santiago link.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Incline Village, is spearheading a regional fundraising effort for Haiti relief with a \$15,000 matching fund. Tax deductible donations can be sent to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Haiti Relief, PO Box 3158, Incline Village, NV 89450. Funds will go to support Food for the Poor, and Doctors Without Borders. For information contact Jim Beebe at padre775@gmail.com, or 775-831-1418.

Epiphany Loss and Grieving Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each

month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Lent Soup/Salad Suppers at 6:00 PM on February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th in the vicarage. Worship Service at 7:00 PM, followed by Lenten Study, "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God." Holy Trinity, Fallon

An Informal, Contemporary Eucharist at 5:30 PM every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Special Youth Breakfast and Bible Lesson the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Lenten Series "Holocaust and Holocaust Studies", Grace in the Desert, 6:30 - 8:30 PM every Wednesday evening during Lent, beginning with a simple service in the Church and moving to the new Parish Center for a light supper and conversation. Featured speakers will be Rev'd Jim Wallis; Rabbi Malcom Cohen; and Lydia Lebovic, Holocaust survivor. For information, call 702-838-7444.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered. One in the Spring (April 8th- May 27th), and one in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at 702-684-6444. The national website is <http://episcopalrecovery.org>

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/> You may contact them at: frensdorff.school@gmail.com

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